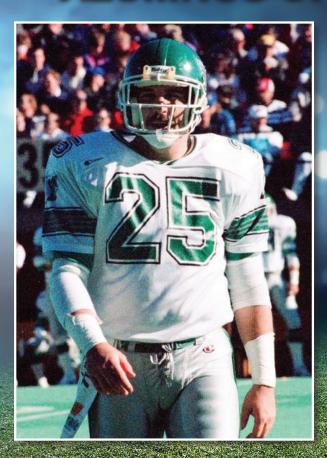
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CFLAA Mission:

To create value and camaraderie for our members by celebrating and supporting Canadian football and demonstrating commitment and service to our community.

CFLAA Vision:

To support former CFL players, Canadian football and other communities of interest while fostering collaborative relationships with CFL stakeholders and others that enhance the well-being of our members and friends.

CFLAA Values:

We value fellowship, collaboration, support, service, tradition and wellness.

CFLAA Strategic Priorities:

Strategic Priorities are based on impact of the activity, ability to carry it out and relevance of the situation to the CFLAA mission, vision and values.

- 1. Work with our partners, including all club alumni associations, the CFL and the CFLPA, to facilitate communication while adding benefits, services and programs that promote fellowship among alumni and advance each organization's goals.
- 2. Grow the CFL Alumni Support Fund and promote its guidelines and criteria among the CFL alumni community.
- 3. Participate in activities that provide insight into sport related brain injuries and other health related issues.
- 4. Provide good governance and management for the Association to ensure its long term effectiveness and financial viability.
- 5. Continue to offer marquee events that highlight the valuable contribution of alumni and provides them with opportunities to participate in the CFL tradition at Grey Cup while supporting the Alumni Support Fund and the effects of other key partners.

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Message from the President



This has certainly been a unique year for football in Canada, transitioning back to normal life with no CFL games cancelled or postponed due to the pandemic. It has also been great to return to stadiums across the country to watch football at all levels and attend live celebrations honouring Alumni at the CFHOF and Mike Ditka's Gridiron Greats.

The Canadian Football League Alumni Association recognizes that our local Alumni Associations and their members are the backbone of our Association. They have regained their pre-Covid activity with events supporting their communities and their local football clubs.

One main goal of the CFLAA is to fundraise to grow our CFL Alumni Support Fund. This fund assists former players experiencing medical or emergency life events, and it is the only fund available to support these brothers and their families. We are proud to have been able to help many over the past years and look forward to being able to do even more in the future. We also congratulate the CFLPA and the CFL for the incredible increase in medical health benefits to former players for football-related injuries. For those who are not eligible for benefits. the CFLAA Support Fund may provide the needed financial support.

Congratulations to Rob Bresciani and Rob Pyne for their selection as the 2022 CFLAA Alumnus of the year awards. Congratulations also to Neal Hughes for being named the CFLAA Indigenous Champion of the Year, honouring an individual's support of football in their community. The award winners are honored at the CFLAA Legends Luncheon at Grey Cup.

The CFLAA Legends Luncheon is an important event for the CFLAA and fans of the CFL. This event brings together Alumni and fans from across Canada and the US to celebrate the CFL from many different eras. You never know who you will run into or what may happen on stage. Our Luncheon is also our major fundraiser for the CFL Alumni Support Fund.

The CFLAA also continues to support the research being conducted at the Canadian Concussion Centre under the leadership of Dr. Charles Tator and Dr. Carmella Tartaglia. The Centre has created many resources which are now available (online and free) for CFL alumni. Interested Alumni can also participate in the ongoing studies which include neurological assessment. Other brain health resources will also be available shortly. More

information is available in the magazine on Page 8.

Thank you to the CFLAA Board of Directors for their hard work and consistent support. The Board includes

VP Rob Bresciani, Treasurer Dan Dott, Secretary Jason Riley, Past President Brett MacNeil, Patrick Kabongo, Warner Miles, Sean Graham, Jim Hopson, and J.T. Hay. Also, thank you to Hector Pothier and Jim Hopson as co-chairs of the CFL Alumni Support Fund committee.

Special thanks go to Linda Wood Edwards and Joe Gunnis. Linda is the Board governance advisor and respected for her knowledge and guidance over the years. Linda's consistent approach has been appreciated by all directors who served on the board. Joe's work on communications has helped spread the CFLAA's message through newsletters and the web site, and his work on silent auctions and fundraising has been invaluable. Finally, thank you to our Co-Founder/Executive Director Leo Ezerins for his leadership and day to day management of CFLAA business.

Best regards. Robert (Bob) Bronk, President CFLAA and Toronto Argos Alumni Executive



Proudly supporting good governance in the CFL Alumni Association since day 1.





November 2022

On behalf of the Canadian Football League, I want to congratulate everyone associated with the Legends Luncheon at this year's Grey Cup.

To the Canadian Football League Alumni Association, and Alumni groups with each of our nine teams, thank you for all you do to keep our players connected, our fans informed and important causes, particularly support for players with urgent needs, front and centre.

To our loyal, long-time fans who make this event a big success every year, thank you for your love of Canadian football, and your reverence for the greats of the game.

Most of all, to all our Alumni, thank you for building the foundation on which today's CFL stands, and for the great plays, fond memories and lifelong friendships that unite old teammates, former foes and CFL fans everywhere.

Congratulations as well to the alumni receiving special honours today: your CFL Alumnus of the Year, Rob Pyne and Rob Bresciani, and the CFLAA Indigenous Champion of the year, former Saskatchewan Roughrider Neal Hughes. We share your pride in their accomplishments.

Enjoy the luncheon! As a proud Alumnus myself, I can attest that some of the stories shared may not be entirely accurate, but they will all be fun!

Yours in football,

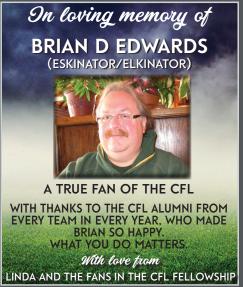


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Greetings to all CFLAA Members,

As we conclude our 2022 season, we find ourselves having enjoyed exciting plays, competitive games, and thrilling finishes. This season further illustrates the level of play at which our members, and previously all of you, compete. The last several years found our notes and communications updating you on collective bargaining and the global pandemic. Although we still find ourselves working through challenges relating to the pandemic, I am happy to report that we have entered a 7-year agreement with the CFL. To get here, our CFLPA bargaining committee and board of player reps led us through challenging times as we faced the first work stoppage in the past 47 years. The uncertainty our members faced during these times was unprecedented for this generation of players; however, the solidarity and leadership amongst our organization allowed us to work together toward that common goal. Our relationship with the CFL, tested undoubtedly during this round of negotiations, remains a continued work in progress, but one that both sides continue to commit to building. There will always be an adversarial nature between the parties as we represent different interest groups. Still, the common goal of growing the sport and the business remains at the forefront.

We continue working with the Alumni Association and Leo and Bob. Our common interests and those of our members always lead the discussions. Two, in particular, come to mind and are frequently discussed by the Associations. Our CFLPA Academy, offering education, career transition, and health & wellness resources, extends to alums three years post their last contract. Starting in 2016, we have now seen over 2000 of our members engage in this program in various ways. Several players have used our program to start or finish post-secondary degrees and training. Over 25 of our members have become certified firefighters through our scholarship program. The list of achievements continues to grow, and all are in preparation for their lives off the field. I encourage any of you interested in learning more to contact academy@cflpa.com.

Amongst the improvements to our collective agreement in this last round of negotiations, we saw a significant increase in player rehabilitation. The former 12 months of coverage for football-related injuries, which increased to 36 in 2019, was once again heightened with the 2022 season seeing 48 months of coverage. The 2023 season will see our members climb to 60 months of coverage for any football-related injuries. What does this mean for you? As active alumni of the CFL, your protection may go long past your last contract, and it is essential that you understand the coverages and resources available.

Finally, we are excited to be here for this year's Grey Cup in Regina. A success last year in Hamilton during the shortened season, our hope is this year's championship gets us that much closer to what we remember the week being about, celebrating players past and present. We look forward to seeing our active members and alums together this week to celebrate our great game and this entire season.

Yours in solidarity.

Brian Ramsay

Executive Director | CFL Players' Association

CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Alumnus of the Year

Background:

The inaugural CFL Alumni Association Man of the Year award was presented in 2008 at an exclusive Alumni event during Canadian Football Hall of Fame Weekend (first time in Winnipeg) at the Manitoba Club.

A nominee from each Alumni Association was submitted to the CFLAA Board of Directors. The Board unanimously selected Sam Etchevery.

Unfortunately, Sam passed two weeks before the event. The award was presented to his brother, Steve Etcheverry, by Paul Robson. The event's emcee was Wade Miller.

In 2010 the Board decided to have the local Alumni Association of the host Grey Cup city make the selection for the award to be presented at the CFLAA Legends Luncheon.



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The CFLAA Board renamed the CFLAA Man of the Year to CFLAA Alumnus of the Year.

The recipients are honored each year at the CFLAA Legends Luncheon during Grey Cup week.

Award Criteria:

- · Former Players, Management, Coaches
- Successful post career transition
- Past and/or currently involved in local Alumni Association and/or CFL Alumni Association
- Actively involved in the community and charitable causes
- Supports the local football club and the Canadian Football League

Past Award Winners:

- 2009 Sam "The Rifle" Etcheverry (Montreal)*
 Posthumously
- 2010 Bayne Norrie (Edmonton)
- 2011 Norm Fieldgate (BC)
- 2012 Don Durno (Toronto)
- 2013 George Reed and Carm Carteri (Saskatchewan)
- 2014 Lui Passaglia (BC)
- 2015 Wade Miller and Paul Robson (Winnipeg)
- 2016 Michael "Pinball" Clemons and Peter Martin (Toronto)
- 2017 Russ Jackson and Jeff Avery (Ottawa)
- 2018- Hector Pothier and Brian Fryer (Edmonton)
- 2019 Tony Spoletini (Calgary)
- 2020 Not Awarded due to COVID
- 2021 Bob Krouse and Jason Riley (Hamilton)
- 2022 Rob Bresciani and Rob Pyne (Saskatchewan)





The Canadian Concussion Centre is the world's first program dedicated to a four-pronged approach to concussions: research, education, diagnosis and treatment. The project is based at the Krembil Neuroscience Centre at the University Health Network's Toronto Western Hospital, and is led by internationally acclaimed concussion expert, Dr. Charles Tator. The team includes world leaders in brain injury, cognition, imaging, mental health and clinical care working together to determine how concussions can affect us all.

The CFL Alumni Association has taken a leadership role in promoting research and awareness of brain injury and concussion. The CFL alumni involvement includes former players, Leo Ezerins, Executive Director, CFL Alumni Association and on the Advisory Group Matt Dunigan.

The research is designed to better understand the full spectrum of concussions, in particular, persistent symptoms of concussion and the delayed effects of multiple concussions.

Our MISSION is to identify who has and who is at risk of developing the delayed neurodegeneration associated with multiple concussions. We are developing better diagnostic tools to detect the effects of multiple concussions, and we are trying to figure out the underlying causes of their long term effects. All of the above information is used to develop mechanism-based treatments to prevent or minimize the enduring effects of multiple concussions.

Note: The study will cover the travel expenses (hotel, flight, and per diem) incurred to participate in the research program in Toronto. Plan on two days of testing.

If you are interested in being a participant in the research study or to donate your brain please contact:

Clinical Research Coordinator, Mozhgan Khodadadi, 416-603-5800 ext. 4025

Email: Mozhgan.Khodadadi@uhn.ca



Canadian Concussion Centre (CCC)

We are recruiting new athletes. The

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Krembil Brain Institute- Toronto Western Hospital-UHN Message from Dr. Charles Tator, the CCC director and Dr. Carmela Tartaglia, the Marion and Gerald Soloway Chair in Brain Injury and Concussion Research: We are furthering our understanding of the relationship between concussions and delayed brain diseases. Thank you to all the participants who have donated their time to our program. We have so much more to discover to hopefully one day detect and treat these diseases, so please consider participating in our research program. Since 2011, we are examining the To date, 117 athletes including 74 possible correlation between repeated former CFL players have participated in Study Update concussions and late deterioration of our study, and 34 athletes have completed at lease one follow up brain function.

We have received more than 50 brain donations for research purposes from elite athletes. If you are considering donating your brain to the study, please visit our website for more information at https://www.uhn.ca/Krembil/Canadian-Concussion-Centre/Brain-Donation

The CCC has published 73 studies in scientific journals:

study involves MRI, PET Scan,

blood test during this two-day testing in Toronto. We pay for your flight and hotel room. If interested. Please call Mozhgan Khodadadi at 416- 603-5800 ext. 4025 or 647-535-2021 Watch our Patient Education Webinar

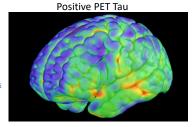
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assessment.

To learn more about our research program or to donate your brain, please contact Mozhgan Khodadadi, Clinical Research Coordinator at 416-603-5800, ext. 4025; 647-535-2021, Mozhgan.khodadadi@uhn.ca OR Dr. Carmela Tartaglia at 416-603-5483; Carmela Tartaglia@uhn.ca

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THE CFLAA CREATES VALUE AND CAMARADERIE FOR OUR MEMBERS BY CELEBRATING AND SUPPORTING CANADIAN FOOTBALL AND DEMONSTRATING COMMITMENT AND SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

JOIN OR REGISTER FOR YOUR ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

As a player you helped to build the CFL's legacy, and your team's brand. You have also made a difference in your community. As a former player, you can continue to make a difference by becoming a member of your Local Alumni Association and/or the CFL Alumni Association.

Our Alumni Associations are devoted to helping our members lead healthy and productive lives, and to help former teammates stay connected with each other, their team(s), and our great League. The mandate of our Board members is to strive to make meaningful, positive differences in our members' post-football lives. We do this by providing our members and their families with valuable resources and by creating opportunities to help and support each other, within our football community.

As a member of your team's Alumni Association, you are also automatically a member of the CFLAA; meaning that you are eligible to receive the benefits provided by both your local Alumni Association and the CFL Alumni Association.

We understand that many players played on more than one team, or in retirement have moved away from the team they played for. If

this is the case, an option for you is to join the CFLAA directly to enjoy the exclusive benefits of the CFLAA.

If you still reside in a CFL city, we recommend that you join one local Alumni Association, as you will be eligible for deeply discounted season tickets, in most cases two for one.

NOTE: Every local Alumni Association has different eligibility criteria, please check details with your local association (visit oflaa.ca for more information on memberships). To be eligible as a member of the CFLAA, you must have received at least one payment from a CFL team, either as a roster player or as a practice roster player.

If you are already a member of a local Alumni Association, please register today (at no cost) for your CFLAA membership.

YOU WILL RECEIVE:

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- CFLAA Commemorative Pin
- Exclusive benefits and special offers www. cflaa.ca/former-player-benefits/
- CFLAA Quarterly Newsletter and more

2022 CFLAA Alumnus of the Year

ROB BRESCIANI

After playing one season of junior football with the Regina Rams and three seasons of CIS football with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies, Rob Bresciani was selected by the Saskatchewan Roughriders, 39th overall, in the 1985 CFL draft.

After spending the 1985 and 1986 seasons with the Calgary Stampeders, he returned to the Rams for the 1986 season. The Rams won the Canadian Junior Football Conference national championship with a 53-12 victory over the Ottawa Sooners. Bresciani was named MVP of the championship game.

He returned to the CFL for the 1987 season with the Saskatchewan Roughriders and finished a five-year career in 1990 with the Ottawa Rough Riders.

A member of the 1989 Grey Cup champion Roughriders, Bresciani spent time as a fullback, slotback and wide receiver during his CFL career.

Bresciani has been the president of the Saskatchewan Roughriders Alumni Association since 1987. A long-time member of the association, Bresciani also served as its vice-president before taking over as president.

After retiring, Bresciani has owned and operated a number of successful businesses in Regina. He has also remained involved with football as a coach, assisting the University of Regina Rams program.

Bresciani has committed a great deal of time and effort to the Regina Catholic School Board, serving with the board since 1994 (excluding a break from 2003 to 2006). In addition to serving as a trustee, he also had a term as Chair of the Board.

He now finds himself in the unique position of joining former Saskatchewan stars who he idolized as a youngster.

"Growing up in Regina, George Reed, Ron Lancaster and guys like that were my heroes that I looked up to so it's quite humbling to joining such distinguished company," said Bresciani. "You don't get to be a professional athlete without the help of a lot of people . . . You soon realize that you wouldn't be where you are without that support and once I stopped playing I wanted to pay it back so somebody else could experience what I experienced."



A two-sport athlete, Rob Pyne played three seasons with the Regina Rams (1969 to 1971) and was part of national championship teams in 1970 and 1971.

After graduating from Regina's Luther College High School, Pyne began his post-secondary career at the University of Tulsa before returning home to attend the University of Regina. He played football and basketball at both schools, earning all-conference honours in basketball with the Cougars.

Pyne then made the jump to the CFL, playing three seasons with the Calgary Stampeders, Saskatchewan Roughriders and Calgary Stampeders. He played in 32 CFL games as a receiver, defensive back and kick returner.

After his playing career ended, Pyne set out on a remarkable coaching career. Since 1975, Pyne has been a constant presence on football sidelines, coaching across all age groups and skill levels. He has been a regular with Regina Minor Football, coaching in both their spring and fall leagues, as well as the Regina Intercollegiate Football League and the Western Women's Canadian Football League.

He's served as linebackers coach, defensive backs coach, special teams coach, defensive coordinator and head coach during his career. Pyne has also participated in high school spring training camps as a guest coach in addition to working at the University of Regina Rams Football School and the Regina Thunder evaluation camps and spring training camp.

Pyne said that former Rams head coach Gord Currie had a huge impact on him during his junior football days and he's found that he may be having a similar impact on players he has coached.

"You can't help but be a role model, whether you want to or not, because people see you out there. In a lot of cases, they want to emulate what you've done," said Pyne. "You might get an email or a letter from a parent after a season, just saying how thankful they were about the impact it had on their child and the differences they've noticed in that child. That's when it really hits you that we're doing something good here."



2022 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

ROB BRESCIANI

Born: June 16, 1964 (age 58) in Regina, Saskatchewan

College: University of Saskatchewan

CFL CAREER

Player: 1985 — 1990 with Calgary Stampeders, Saskatchewan Roughriders and Ottawa Rough Riders



No: 83 and 25

Position: Fullback, slotback and wide receiver

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS AND AWARDS

Member of the 1986 Canadian Junior Football Conference champion Regina Rams

Named MVP of the CJFC championship game, a 53-12 victory over the Ottawa Sooners.

Played 38 career CFL games, gaining 320 yards on 15 receptions with one touchdown.

Member of the 1989 Saskatchewan Roughriders Grey Cup championship team

POST CAREER

Member of the Saskatchewan Roughriders Alumni Association (SRAA)

President of the SRAA since 2017

Coaching experience with the University of Regina Rams



2022 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

ROB PYNE

Born: August 13, 1950 (age 72) in Regina, Saskatchewan

College: Tulsa University and the University of Regina

CFL CAREER

Player: Played from 1972 to 1974 with the Calgary Stampeders, Saskatchewan

Roughriders and Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

No: 15

Position: Defensive back, receiver and kick returner



Member of the 1970 and 1971 Canadian Junior Football League champion Regina Rams

Played football and basketball at both Tulsa University and the University of Regina

Earned all-conference honours in basketball with the University of Regina Cougars

Played 32 games in three CFL seasons

Was inducted into the Regina Sports Hall of Fame 2010





CFLAA INDIGENOUS CHAMPION AWARD

NEAL HUGHES

Neal Hughes, a Regina product of Metis heritage, is the 2022 recipient of the CFLAA's 2022 Indigenous Champion Award.

Born in Regina on July 2, 1980, Hughes began his football journey in 1987 by suiting up in Regina Minor Football (RMF) before moving on to the high school level with the Thom Trojans. He then joined the University of Regina Rams for five seasons before signing with the CFL's Saskatchewan Roughriders in 2004 as a free agent.

His 11-year tenure with the Riders included playing in four Grey Cup games with victories in 2007 and 2013. He was inducted into the University of Regina Sports Hall of Fame in 2014 and the Riders Plaza of Honour in 2019.

Hughes was involved with numerous charity and community events throughout Saskatchewan during his 11 seasons with the Riders. He was the Riders ambassador for the CFL's Diversity Is Strength campaign in 2018.

Since retiring, Hughes has continued to be active as both a coach and a community leader.

Although he doesn't see himself as a role model, Hughes understands the importance of players and coaches to provide guidance and share knowledge with youngsters in sport.

"I definitely don't look at myself as being a role model but I know that the things that I do and how I present myself are important. I've coached quite a few First Nations and Aboriginal boys throughout the years and I do try my best to be a positive role model for them," said Hughes. "Seeing somebody that is Aboriginal that did succeed, that did follow their dreams, that's important for kids to see that it's possible to do."

Hughes has seen positive changes for Indigenous children in sport since his childhood days and the benefits sport provides them.

"There's a lot more Aboriginal kids playing in sporting organizations, whether it's hockey, football, baseball, rugby, whatever. Sports are a great avenue to teach kids about life lessons and teach them about commitment and dedication," said Hughes. "I've had a lot great coaches over the years that were positive role models for me and who helped make me into the person that I am today. I know that sounds cliché but it's the truth."

Born: July 2, 1980 in Regina, Saskatchewan

High School: Thom Collegiate, Regina, Saskatchewan

College: University of Regina Rams

CFL Career

Player: 2004 — 2014 with the Saskatchewan Roughriders

No: 32

Position: Fullback

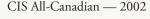
Career highlights and awards

College

In five seasons with the University of Regina, gained 2,934 rushing yards, 1,234 receiving yards, 17 touchdown runs and 5,867 total yards.

Canada West all-star — 2002 and 2003

Atlantic Bowl most valuable player — 2000



University of Regina male athlete of the year — 2003 University of Regina Sports Hall of Fame — 2014 Graduated from U of R with a degree in Education CFL

SASKATO

Played 140 games in 11 seasons with the Riders,

scoring seven touchdowns.

70 carries for 277 yards and eight touchdowns

46 receptions for 505 yards and six touchdowns

100 special teams tackles

Riders ambassador for the CFL's "Diversity Is Strength" campaign in 2018

Inducted into the Riders Plaza of Honour in 2019





Saskatchewan Roughrider Alumni Association



2022 was another busy and eventful year for the Saskatchewan Roughrider alumni Association . We have seen our alumni membership grow to well over 120 members and our annual fundraising events raise over \$100,000 with all funds been given out to the different groups and communities we have proudly supported through out the year.

2022 also marked the return to normal and use of our beautiful Alumni Lounge in Mosaic Stadium. We are very proud of our digs located in the north west end zone. We invite any visiting CFL Alumni to stop in and be our guests in our new home! We would also like to thank the Saskatchewan Roughrider football club for allowing us this opportunity and also for the very special relationship we have with them. I believe is a relationship unlike any in the league and it truly enables our organization accomplish all that we do!!

A huge part of our vision in 2022 continued to be growing our presence in the great province of Saskatchewan and continue to give back to this community that was supportive of us when

we played. Through our fundraising efforts such as our Alumni Golf Tournaments in Saskatoon and Regina our partnership with the Rider Foundation, our support of the 5th annual Believe in the Gold Walk/Run for support of childhood cancer as well as numerous other events we are very proud to report that we were once again able to help raise over \$100,000 for many community groups in Saskatchewan.

The Alumni Association appreciates the efforts of all our Alumni in helping make 2022 another successful year. With our commitment of hard work to serve we continue to building community but most importantly friendships and unforgettable memories. We also want to thank our Fans all over this country for their support and generosity!

All the best in 2023

Rob Bresciani President







Calgary Stampeders Alumni Association

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- 1. Tim Petros Running Back Award donation
- 2. Foundation donation of \$33,820 dollars distributed to:
 - Calgary Senior High School Athletic Association
 - Kidsport Calgary & Area
 - Calgary Children's Foundation
 - Calgary Food Bank
- 3. Support of alumni at events
 - a. Kids Up Front Poker tournament May 5
 - b. Rocky Mountain Rotary Golf Tournament in Bearspaw June 20
 - c. Telus Pancake Breakfast and Team Member Event July 7
 - d. Challenger Baseball Golf Tournament July 18
- 4. Calgary Meals on Wheels donation matched by Shaw Charity Classic Foundation
- 5. Stampeder Games Autograph sessions as Pre-game tailgate parties



Toronto Argonauts Alumni Association

The Association appreciates the continued support of our alumni.

Again, our partnership with the Toronto Argonauts Football Club and MLSE and their top leadership, especially Bill Manning President of Toronto FC and Toronto Argonauts is a major reason for the growth in overall alumni membership and engagement and attendance at our events. Their generous support and respect that they have and continue to show to the alumni is greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to the Board of Directors and LOUD Sports & Entertainment for all their efforts and hard work.

Executive Committee

President: Stace Coray; Vice President: Dan Ferrone; Secretary/ Treasurer: Bob Bronk; Past President: Peter Martin

Board of Directors

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Website and social media: David Watkins, LOUD Sports & Entertainment

22nd Annual Golf Fun Day Tournament

August 30, 2022 the 22nd Annual Golf Fun Day Tournament,



the Association's major fundraising event was held at ClubLink's Georgetown Golf Course in Georgetown, Ontario. The event is a staple on the calendar and also used to raise money for the Argonauts Alumni Support Fund, which provides financial assistance for former players in need.

In late-April 2022, Clublink Corporation announced that all its golf courses had opened up and were pretty much back to normal. This gave the Association long-awaited access to the full amenities and services of the Georgetown Golf Course and we were able to enjoy post golf hospitality and celebrations indoors.

One of the highlights of the post-golf hospitality and celebrations was recognizing Pete Martin for managing, leading and ensuring the success of our golf tournament since its inception over the past many years. We made sure when Pete wanted to relax at the cottage, he was outfitted in Argos double blue.

Taking over the stewardship of the golf tournament is John Malinosky who deserves special praise for a terrific job in getting the tournament back on track after the pandemic and positioned for 2023.

The day was a great deal of fun for everyone involved.

10th Annual Reunion

The Association's 10th Annual Reunion was held July 28 at the BMO Club Room located at BMO Field in Toronto. The event was well-attended by many Argos

alumni who had a terrific time seeing, connecting, and sharing stories with former teammates.





Bill Manning, President, Toronto FC and Toronto Argonauts was in attendance and brought greetings from the club and introduced Head Coach and Offensive Coordinator Ryan Dinwiddie.



Coach Dinwiddie shared his thoughts about the offence, defence and special teams throughout the first eight weeks of the season and expectations, strategies and tempo for the rest of the season.

2022 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (ÅGM) of the Toronto Argonauts Alumni Association will be held soon after the end of the fiscal year which ended October 31, to elect officers and transact business of the Association as should come before the meeting. As well as to provide an opportunity to members to discuss the functioning of and any matter relating to the conduct of the affairs of the Association. At the time of this writing the AGM was yet to be scheduled.

Hall of Fame Inductions

Dick Thornton: Thornton, as a two-way great who played for the Argos from 1967-72. A huge fan favourite, "Tricky" Dick Thornton was a dynamic and charismatic two-way player, playing defensive back and wide receiver. A two-time Grey Cup Champion and three-time CFL All-Star, Thornton won both his Grey Cups with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, playing in the infamous "Fog Bowl". He passed in 2014 while living in the Philippines.

Ricky Ray: Dick Thornton was joined by Quarterback Ricky Ray, a first-ballot Hall of Famer who memorably led the Argonauts at QB for seven seasons from 2021-18, and two Grey Cup championships in 2012 and 2017 before a neck injury in the 2018 season opener ended his illustrious career.

Thornton and Ray and the other members of the Class of 2022 were officially inducted on the evening of September 16 at Tim Hortons Filed and were also honoured on the following day at halftime of the Hall of Fame Game between the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

CFL Ottawa Alumni Association

This year has been a big rebound for the CFL Ottawa Alumni Association following two years of COVID restrictions. We have 99 paid members close to pre-COVID numbers. We have returned to our regular activities including our Monthly Huddles, Coaches Luncheon, Annual Golf Tournament, and Wall of Honour ceremonies.

Early in 2022, our oldest alumnus, John Fripp, passed away at the age of 101. John was the oldest living professional football player at the time of his passing. He played for the Ottawa Rough Riders in 1941 and 1946, serving his country in the intervening years during World War II. John was also a member of the Canadian Ski Hall of Fame and the Ottawa Sport Hall of Fame.

Steve Glenn (who played in the CFL for 10 years) and Dick Dinelle (everyone knows Dick and he has 'Grey Cup' as his license plate) joined the CFLOAA Board this year.

Coaches Luncheon 2022

Our 2022 Coaches Luncheon took place on a sunny Saturday, April 2, at the Cedarhill Golf and Country Club. It was a big success. CFLOAA President Jeff Avery introduced Redblacks Head Coach Paul LaPolice and the new GM Shaun Burke. Both made introductory remarks then Jeff asked them some excellent questions especially about the many free agent signings. Jeff then opened it up to the floor and Paul and Shaun answered all the questions of our members and guests. Overall, it was a fun event with lots of camaraderie with old teammates and friends.

Annual Golf Tournament

The CFLOAA Annual Golf Tournament sponsored by Manulife made its return on July 29th following a two-year hiatus. The Hylands Golf and Country Club was in great condition, and everyone enjoyed the golf and most of all the camaraderie.

Pat Stoqua's foursome took top spot again this year, coming into the clubhouse at 62 (10 under). Jim Cain CFLOAA Vice-President, seated in the centre of the photo, stepped in at the last minute as the MC and did an

excellent job replacing Jeff Avery who was on the injured list. Bob McKeown regaled the crowd with the history of Steve Glenn's long snapper shoulder pads; it was very appropriate since Bob's son Liam as well as Steve played in the tournament and met for the first time prior to the lunch.

Ken Lehmann (#41) and the late Soupy Campbell (#54) were added to the Wall of Honour at TD Place during the Redblacks Legacy evening game on August 5th versus the Calgary Stampeders. They are only the 13th and 14th players to receive

this honour and are the first defensive players from the teams that won 4 Grey Cups in the late 60's and 70's to be added. The ceremony was held at half-time. Ken and his family, and Soup's family were Wall of Honour Ceremony - Ken by former teammates



joined on the field Lehmann and Soupy Campbell

and other CFL Ottawa alumni members in their jerseys. Gerry Organ and Russ Jackson, both already on the Wall of Honour, spoke on behalf of the inductees and led the crowd in welcoming Ken and Soupy to the Wall of Honour.



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Frank Reid 1946 - 2022 Harry Langford 1929-2022 Jim Andreotti 1938-2022 Steve Beaird 1952-2022 Jonathan Beaulieu-Richard 1988-2022 Clyde Bennett 1932-Dec. 13, 2021 Clair Branch 1937-2022 Charlie Brandon 1943-2022 Bob Brown 1943-2022 Jim Dillard 1938-2022 George Fleming 1937-Dec. 6, 2021 Mel Fosse 1939-2022 Johnny Frith 1921-2022 Bill Glass 1935-Dec. 5, 2021 Kelly Hamilton 1959-2022 Joe Hernandez 1940-Dec. 5, 2021

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BC Lions Alumni Association



This year was a year of transition for the BC Lions Alumni Association. After many years of not being part of the CFLAA, one of the new executives' top priorities was to become part of the CFLAA. Our second order of business was to increase the size of our board, so we are proud to have added former **BC LIONS**

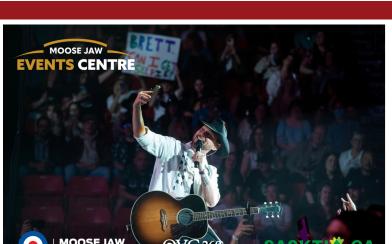
alumni Jason Crumb and John Ulmer to our board.

Our first official event was the BC Lions Past and Present BBQ in June which included many of the current and former BC Lions players and staff. It was a great afternoon of comradery as many alumni shared stories with the current players.

A big thank you to the new team owner, Mr. Amar Doman, who arranged a place on game day for alumni members to hang out and enjoy the game. The Alumni Lounge in The Truly Den provides us with a set number of complimentary spots each game in 2022. The best part of a great night out is spending time with your mates. The ultimate social area at every BC Lions game is The Alumni Lounge in Truly Den.

Our major fundraiser this year was the BC Lions Alumni Golf Tournament at Westwood Plateau in September. This year saw a record number of alumni attend the golf tournament. It was great fun as the alumni interacted with the numerous sponsors and fans. Another record was set as we raised over \$75,000 that will go towards our BC Lions Alumni Development Fund which helps former players and their families who are dealing with financial hardships due to physical, emotional and other reasons.

Sean Graham, President











Hamilton Tiger-Cat Alumni Association

HTCAA Mission Statement

To promote fellowship among its members, preserve the legacy of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, and support the development of football in the greater Hamilton community through charitable objectives.

Summary of HTCAA 2022 Community Involvement

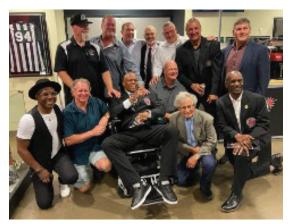
After supporting the successful CFLAA Legends Luncheon, on Grey Cup weekend, December 10, 2021, the sponsor of the Alumnus of the Year Award, Out There Productions, created video shorts with local alumnus Bob Krouse, Jason Riley, and Sandy Beverage. They were then published on social media to celebrate the HTCAA legacy.

On May 30, 2022 we held a successful HTCAA Golf Tournament, at Flamborough Hills Golf Club. Many alumni and current Tiger-Cats administrators joined in a beautiful day of golf. Wissenz Law was a major sponsor of the event.

Two CFHOF inductions took place at Tims Field this season (June 17 & Sept. 16), and although these are CFL run events, we work with the Club to help promote and support them any way we can with local alumni presence. For example, we planned our Covid-postponed 35th Anniversary Reunion of our 1986 Grey Cup Team around the June inductions because our team mate Mike Walker was inducted and it led to a great turn out for the combined event. At the induction ceremony, Mike brought the house to its feet when he rose from his wheelchair to step across the stage to accept his award – he is still relearning how to walk after multiple spinal-surgeries. It was a very emotional moment for all in attendance!

On October 6 2022, partnering with the Tiger-Cats Club, we held the HTCAA Danny McManus Wall of Honour Dinner, to honour Danny McManus' record setting career with the Club. We included the 50th anniversary of the 1972 Grey Cup team, so they could be honored as well. Members of the '72 team who attended were: Bob Krouse, Garney Henley, Chuck Ealy, Tony Gabriel, Gary Inskeep, Jim Papai, Bob Richardson, Ian Sunter, John Williams, Gerry Sternberg. Bench Brewery was a major sponsor.

These have been the major events but also throughout the



35th Anniversary 1986 Grey Cup Team, at Tims Field, clockwise from top left: Jason Riley, Mike Derks, Dave Sauve, Ben Zambiasi, Dale Sanderson, Rocky DiPietro, Pat Brady, Less Browne, Dr. Levy, Ralph Scholz, Mike Walker, Terry Lehne, Chris Briscoe (ball boy)

year, we support in various ways all levels of football in the Hamilton region, from HMFA up to McMaster University Football. We also participate in the Annual Tim Hortons Camp Day at many locations throughout the city. Also, for every home game, the Club presents the Alumni of Distinction at half-time and makes them available for autographs before the game. Many of our alumni have volunteered their time over the season. Finally, we are currently developing a HTCAA Support Fund and a HTCAA Scholarship Fund.

Thank you, Jason Riley HTCAA Past-President CFLAA Board of Directors

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Henry Janzen 1940-2022
Bill Johnson 1936-2022
Zeno Karcz 1935-2022
Dan Kearns 1956-2022
Mike Kmech 1934-2022
Harry Langford 1929-2022
Bob LaRose 1946-2022
Ron Maddocks 1941-2022
Marty Martinello 1931-2022
Don Maynard 1935-2022
Curt Merz 1938-2022
Doug Harding Mitchell 1939-2022

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Hamilton Tiger-Cats Ottawa Rough Riders BC Lions, CFL Commissioner

The CFL Alumni Association apologizes in advance if we have missed someone. Please contact us with any updates: info@cflaa.ca

Winnipeg Blue Bomber Alumni Association

The Winnipeg Blue Bomber Alumni, with the ongoing support of the Winnipeg Football Club continue to deepen our roots and make an impact on the amateur football community in Manitoba.

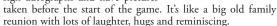
At this year's AGM held in May at Investors Group Field, our Alumni Board of 15 members was voted in by the membership. The board consists of the following members: Brendan Rogers (President) Petar Pejovic (Vice President), Don Oramasionwu (Treasurer), Brett MacNeil (CFLAA Rep), Frank Robinson, Paul Robson, Jermese Jones, Paul Swiston, Shawn Gallant, Mike Renaud, Glenn Janaury, Gavin Walls, Bob Sokalski, Jason Enns and Chrissy Werestiuk (representing the Bomber Alumni Cheer Team).

The Bomber Alumni Association upholds the following core values that are at the centre of our volunteer and fundraising activities:

- To support each other and to foster good fellowship between its members, and to secure and retain close relationships with all those who were members of the Winnipeg Football Club,
- b. To assist the Winnipeg Football Club in its endeavors,
- To assist in the development of and provide financial support to amateur football in Manitoba,
- d. To preserve and enhance the heritage of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and the Canadian Football League,
- e. To promote, assist and champion those causes which advance the interests of
- the Association and which enrich the quality of life of our community.

To that end, we continue to build on our success and deepen our relationships and enhance our fundraising efforts. We award annual Blue Bomber Alumni Scholarships to the most outstanding players in all four divisions in the Winnipeg High School Football League and continue to strongly support the Winnipeg Rifles of the Canadian Junior Football League.

Game Days at Investors Group Field are exciting times for our alumni, as our members gather at Alumni Alley to interact with fans, sign autographs and have pictures



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Our main fundraising efforts include our annual Blue Bomber Alumni Golf Tournament, partnering with Save On Foods held this year on July 19th at the beautiful Glendale Golf & Country Club. We were sold out once again and had an amazing day, with the rain holding off until dinner.

The annual Whiskey and Wine Night drew over 200 guests and alumni alike. We were outside at the Cargo Bar in beautiful Assiniboine Park. We were privileged to partner with the Deer Lodge Foundation* and had over 15 whiskey and wine stations for our guests to sample and enjoy. We had live music, tasty snacks, auction items to raise funds for Deer Lodge Centre. *Deer Lodge Centre provides health services to adults with complex needs in the areas of Rehabilitation, Chronic Care, Dementia Care, Mental Health and Bariatrics.

We will continue our role with the Riverview Health Centre's Cycle on Life on September 11, as we are the Official Partner to help create awareness for this Manitoba based independent Palliative Care Hospital, specializing in brain injuries. The Cycle on Life, through many sponsors and efforts expect over 300 riders and the Bomber Alumni will help to raise funds for the cause, with this year's fundraising directed specifically to the upgrade of the Alzheimer's/Dementia Units.

In addition to all of the fundraising that we do as a collective alumni group, a majority of our membership base also volunteer countless hours in support of many great causes all throughout Manitoba. We are so proud of the many Blue Bomber Alumni members that continue to make significant differences in our community.

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Guy Morris 1951-2022 Dave Moton 1944-2022 Tony Pajaczkowski 1936-2022 Peter Palmer 1947-2022 Peter Petcoff 1932-Dec. 13, 2021 Joe Poirier 1937-Dec. 22, 2021 Leo Reed 1940-2022 Willies Shine 1943-2022 Don Sutherin 1936-2022

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CFLAA Support Fund

CFLAA Support Fund is making a difference and so can you!

The CFL Alumni Association (CFLAA) takes pride in our accomplishments both on and off the field. Was there ever a better feeling than sharing the thrill of victory with your teammates after a hard-fought win?

Now some of our former teammates and fellow alumni are feeling the effects of playing the game we all love. We have the opportunity to once again be there for our teammates and show our appreciation for the special life-long memories we created together.

The CFL Alumni Association provides support for former players

The CFL Alumni Association (CFLAA) raises money for a CFLA Support Fund (CFLASF) that offers financial support to CFL alumni who are experiencing financial hardship due to a medical condition or the sudden loss of income.

Our fund was created, and criteria developed, by members of the CFLAA. The Support Fund has two specific plans that provide various amounts of aid depending on each specific situation.

Our Alumni need your support

We need to continue to build the fund so we are better prepared to meet future requests for financial support from your teammates and Alumni. The ever-growing reality of the effects on both the body and mind from playing football will increase the need for the Support Fund. As you know, current medical coverage aids with a very limited time post career, and this has only been available to alumni for the last few years. There are also recent challenges that COVID has had on everyone's financial and life situations.

Support Fund has helped many former CFL players

- Recently, a former Hall of Fame player and CFL coach needed lower back surgery which left him unable to walk unassisted.
 We are helping by subsidizing the intensive physical therapy required so that he will be able to walk unassisted, and most importantly, be independent.
- The CFLAA, and 3 teams for which the individual played, contributed funds to an Alumnus who has had a lifelong challenge with mental illness to assist in his medical expenses

- and costs to set himself up for his transition from hospital care back to independent living.
- The CFLASF aided an Alumnus and his family while his wife recovered from major surgeries for treatment of her cancer.
- We supported a member after years of struggle, including loss of family, who had admitted himself into a drug and alcohol treatment facility.

Your generosity will continue to make a difference

To continue to help our fellow alumni through life altering issues, we need your help.

Presently, the CFLASF relies on funds raised at the CFLAA Grey Cup Legends Luncheon and other fundraisers, as well as donors such as the Never Alone Foundation (founded by former Winnipeg Blue Bomber, Lyle Bauer) Bench Brewing Company (Matt Giffen), the CFL, local Alumni Associations, and individuals.

While we appreciate all the donations we have received, and those who continue to support our fundraising events, we need to increase the amounts available for support. We can only do that by finding additional resources for the Alumni Support Fund.

Please consider making a personal or corporate donation.

Your generosity will be used to assist your former teammates and all CFL alumni who are in need.

If you are a former CFL player, fan, or friend and you know of an alumni member in need, please visit CFLAA.ca and click on the Support Fund application button.

For more information on the Alumni Support Fund please visit CFLAA.ca or contact me personally at leo@cflaa.ca or 905-464-0007. All inquiries are confidential. Any support given is confidential unless approved by the recipient.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
CFL Alumni Association
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